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REMARKS

This amendment responds to the Office Action dated November 4, 2005. In response to the Office Action, applicant has canceled claims 2-4 and amended claims 5, 14, and 15. Reexamination and reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 2-4 asserting that they are anticipated by the Scanlon reference. In response, applicant has canceled claims 2-4 without prejudice or disclaimer, subject to presentation of those claims in a continuation application. Applicant submits, therefore, that this rejection is now moot, and may be withdrawn.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 2-5, 14, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2d paragraph, asserting that they are indefinite. The Examiner states that the use of alternative language in the cited claims renders the claims indefinite. In response, applicant has canceled claims 2-4, and has amended claim 5 (and claims 14-15 by reference) to remove the use of the alternative language that the Examiner found objectionable. Applicant submits that the rejected of claim 2-5, 14, and 15 may be now be withdrawn.

In addition, applicant notes that he has deleted the word "closed" from before "air pressure sensor." "Closed" belongs before "compartment," but not "air pressure sensor," and it was inserted mistakenly in the prior amendment. Applicant has deleted the word at each instance to clarify and correct the claim, and respectfully requests that these minor clarifying amendments be entered. The "compartment" is closed and the

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air pressure sensor or non-directional microphone is not, as the specification makes clear.

Applicant has also presented new claims 16- 18 which recite that the plate member is rigid. No new matter is entered by this amendment. Entry is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required in consideration of this filing and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125. If any extension of time is required to process this Amendment, applicant hereby requests same, and authorizes the fee therefore to be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail addressed to:

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